

Families and Guardians,

Please continue to monitor student planners and your child's progress. Please make sure to familiarize yourself with the addendum to our attendance policy.

Students will be dismissed early during midterms. Please plan accordingly **now** for December.

Our best,

THE MSHS TEAM

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HOUSEKEEPING



- We do our best to respond to emails, Dojo messages, etc., as quickly as possible during the school day. Please allow us 24 hours to reply to you. If you have a pressing matter requiring immediate attention, please contact the school at (904) 721-2144 and ask to speak to a member of our administration.
- We respect and value your time with your families and ask you to do the same for us teachers. Our contract/contact hours are Monday-Friday, 7:15 A.M. - 3:15 P.M.
- **An excuse note (written or emailed) from a parent or doctor is required whenever a student is absent from class.** Notes are required to receive makeup assignments, including tests and quizzes. Students will receive zeroes for any missing work. (See the [Parent/Student Handbook](#) for additional information.)
- The student dress code, including personal grooming, is required. Details are on p. 23 of the [Parent/Student Handbook](#).
- **Student Service Hours** are due in March. Juniors and Seniors who do not have their hours completed by the due date may not participate in any Junior/Senior activities. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Carter, HS Coordinator, or Mrs. Giles, MSHS religion teacher.
- **Family Volunteer Hours** for the 2023-2024 school year are due to Sr. Elise in May. One-quarter of your hours should be completed by this point in the school year. Please reach out to Sister with any questions or concerns.
- **Moana Rehearsals are Thursdays from 3:15 P.M. to 4:40 P.M.** Please check your emails for updates from Ms. Whiteside. Attendance and participation in the annual MSHS production is part of each student's Fine Arts grade.

WEEKLY HAPPENINGS



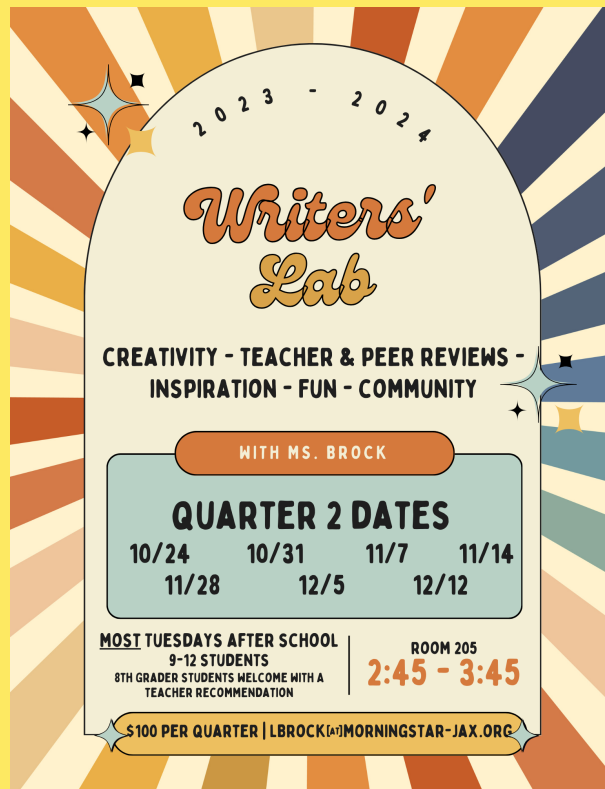
Mondays	Math Tutoring with Mrs. Carter 2:45-3:45 PM, free in classroom	Drumline with Mrs. Militante & UNF 3:30-4:15 PM, in the music room HS students go to ASC until 3:30 (no charge)
Tuesdays	Writers' Lab with Ms. Brock 2:45-3:45 PM, in classroom Registration for the 2 nd quarter is open!	
Wednesdays		
Thursdays	Moana Rehearsal with Ms. Whiteside 3:15-4:30 PM, Media Center	Student Government with Mrs. Koci (every other Thursday; see calendar below) 2:45-3:30 PM, in classroom
Fridays		

CALENDAR



November						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 All Saints Mass - 10AM	2 Rehearsal 3:15-4:30 pm Student Gov't. 2:45-3:00	3 Noon Dismissal-- REGULAR Uniform Day Class Pictures & Retake Day	4
5	6 11th ARC to JEA	7 Writers' Lab 2:45 - 3:45 UNF Music Performance	8 Veterans' Day Celebration	9 Rehearsal 3:15-4:30 pm	10 Red, White & Blue Dress Down & Veteran's Day Celebration	11
12	13	14 Writers' Lab 2:45 - 3:45	15	16 Rehearsal 3:15-4:30 pm	17	18
19	20 T H A N K	21 S G I V I N	22 G 🦃🦃🦃	23 B R E	24 A K	25
26	27	28 Writers' Lab 2:45 - 3:45	29	30 Rehearsal 3:15-4:30 pm		

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2023 - 2024

Writers' Lab

CREATIVITY - TEACHER & PEER REVIEWS -
INSPIRATION - FUN - COMMUNITY

WITH MS. BROCK

QUARTER 2 DATES

10/24	10/31	11/7	11/14
11/28	12/5	12/12	

MOST TUESDAYS AFTER SCHOOL
9-12 STUDENTS
8TH GRADER STUDENTS WELCOME WITH A
TEACHER RECOMMENDATION

ROOM 205
2:45 - 3:45

\$100 PER QUARTER | LBROCK(AT)MORNINGSTAR-JAX.ORG



Join Us in Our Mission

Remember ★ Honor ★ Teach

★ **December 16, 2023** ★

National Wreaths Across America Day



Help Diocese of St. Augustine Youth Office honor local heroes!

Sponsor a wreath today to be placed on a veteran's grave this December at Jacksonville Memory Gardens.

Scan the QR code to make a donation online or visit www.wreathsassacrossamerica.org/FL1145P





#ServeAndSucceed

CLASSROOM CONNECTIONS



Brock's Book Club



Book Club for November and December will be combined since we have a limited number of school days. Please click on the link below to indicate which version of the text your student is interested in reading so we can prepare order forms. We will have copies of the book available at reduced cost.

Please complete the [book interest form](#) so we can prepare order forms for the new book!

Christian Service Opportunities



OPERATION CHRISTMAS SHOEBOXES Information for our annual drive will come home this week. Students interested in helping organize donations and pack shoeboxes for needy children are encouraged to sign up when Mrs. Carter opens registration. (The dates are **7 November 2023** and **10 November 2023** after school. **Students ONLY**.) For ideas on what to donate, [CLICK HERE](#). (Please note, donations to the Christmas Shoeboxes are not redeemable for family volunteer hours for the 2023-2024 school year. These donations are, however, an excellent opportunity to serve others as a family and are strongly encouraged.)

The Arc Jacksonville



Every year, **The Arc Jacksonville** hosts a **Dinner with Bill & Friends** to raise awareness of its programs. This annual community fundraiser helps support the numerous opportunities and services The Arc brings to our city. Current MSHS students volunteered as servers, while MSHS graduates were in attendance with their families. All had a wonderful time! Thank you, Arc Jacksonville, for **ALL** you do for Morning Star and our city!

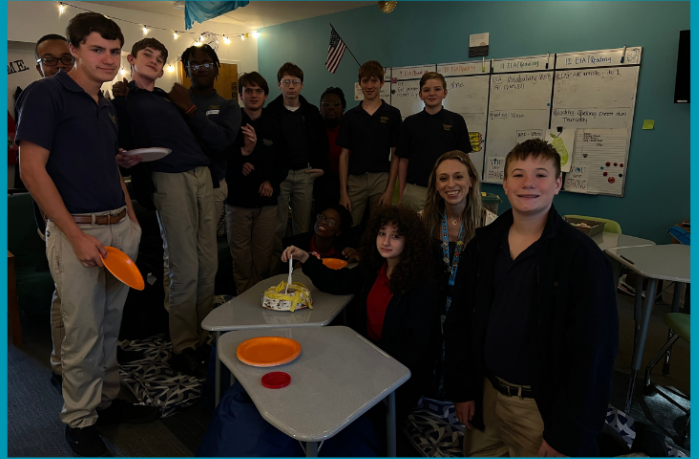
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Living through Lit

Ms. Brock's 11 ELA class took their poetic study of Desoto's impact on the Native American tribes of Louisiana beyond the literature book by baking up a traditional King Cake. Click [HERE](#) to watch a video!

Ms. Brock's 9 ELA class wrapped up their study of *Why Are People Obsessed with True Crime* by baking crime scene cakes. (Red velvet, of course! And allergy-friendly rice crispy treats.)

(📷 cred: Togo W.)



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